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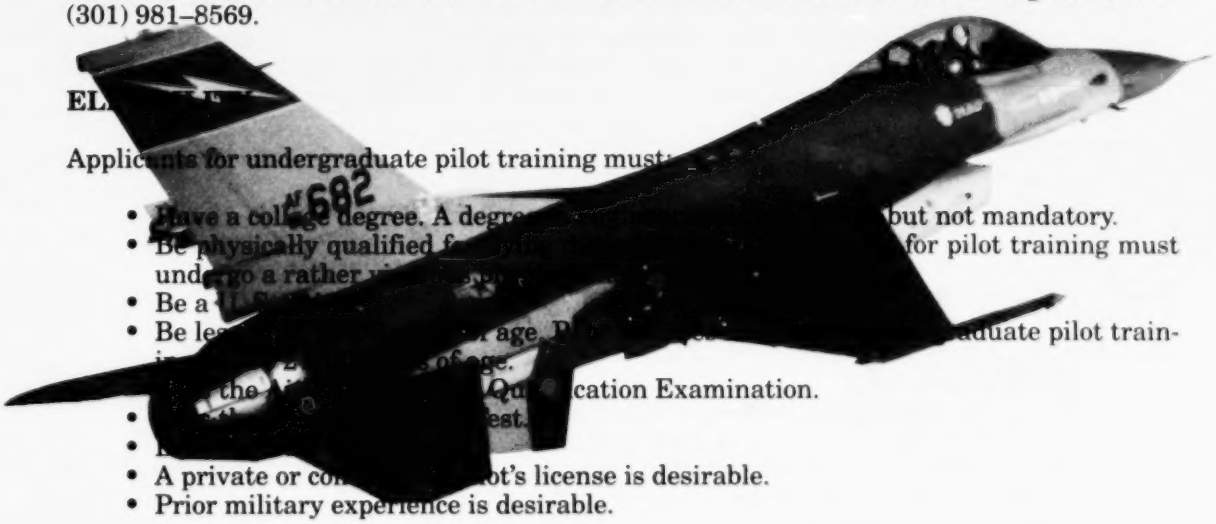
PILOT TRAINING PROGRAMS
AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Air National Guard is one of the world's largest and most modern reserve components. Our mission is to provide the United States Air Force with a well-trained and mobile force that helps to act as a global deterrent force. We currently fly some of the world's most sophisticated aircraft such as the F-16 Falcon, the F-15 Eagle, the C-141 Starlifter , the C-5 Galaxy and many, many more. In addition to its global Air Force mission, the Air National Guard has a state mission. We serve the interests of each state by providing personnel, equipment, and the know-how to take care of natural disturbances and a multitude of other state emergencies. This fact sheet is being provided for those who might have an interest in becoming pilots in the Air National Guard. The information contained is general in nature and is subject to change. If you would like further information contact the nearest Air National Guard Recruiter or call the Air National Guard Officer Recruiting Branch at (301) 981–8569.



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Applicants for undergraduate pilot training must

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- Be physically qualified for pilot training must undergo a rather
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- A private or co ot's license is desirable.
- Prior military experience is desirable.

TRAINING

Upon approval of your appointment package, you will attend a four week Flight Screening Program (FSP) conducted in San Antonio, Texas. This course is designed to test your general aptitude for flying and is also designed to evaluate your ability under the stresses of flight.

Once you have successfully completed the FSP program you will attend the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, Tennessee. This 6 week school is designed to acquaint officer candidates with their duties and responsibilities as officers in the Air National Guard. The course provides instruction in leadership and management, AF organization and history, military customs and courtesies, interpersonal relationships, group

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dynamics, supervisory skills, and other courses to help you become a leader in today's Air National Guard. Upon graduation you will earn your "gold bars" as a Second Lieutenant in the Air National Guard and the United States Air Force.

Undergraduate Pilot Training—This training begins with a basic 52-week course designed to qualify you to perform the duties and responsibilities of a pilot in the Air National Guard. Graduates are qualified to fly USAF jet aircraft and usually proceed to advanced flying training courses. Following completion of the basic pilot training program, you will attend a transition program that will prepare you to fly the type of aircraft assigned to your home unit. This transition training may be with the active Air Force or with an Air National Guard Flying training school. You may also be required to attend a basic survival training course during your initial pilot training program. Many new pilots return to their home units and perform familiarization training with their own unit aircraft.

PARTICIPATION

Air National Guard (ANG) units are constantly training and are on alert 24 hours a day. The normal training period is one week-end a month. In addition, flying personnel are required to perform additional flying training periods (AFTPs) to maintain flying proficiency and refine their flying skills. Many ANG units stand 24-hour alert in support of the active Air Force. Most flying personnel are required to perform and share in these duty requirements. In addition to your weekend and AFTPs you will be required to perform 15 days of active duty each year. This duty is often performed by participating in military exercises and field training situations. Occasionally this duty is performed at overseas bases.

BENEFITS

Listed below are a few of the many benefits derived from ANG membership.

- The opportunity to fly some of the world's most modern military aircraft.
- An opportunity to serve your community, your state, and the Nation.
- New and rewarding professional, social, and personal relationships.
- A non-contributory retirement program at age 60.
- Regular promotions.
- Numerous professional education opportunities.
- Use of military exchanges and commissaries.
- Use of military recreation activities, such as golf courses, theaters, hobby and craft shops, and many, many more.
- Opportunity for world travel.
- Educational assistance in the form of the Montgomery GI Bill.

In addition to your federal benefits, many states provide their Air Guard members with state benefits such as:

- Education and tuition assistance for state colleges and universities.
- Survivor benefits for their members.
- Educational grants and scholarships for members' families.
- Compensation for state duty.

RETIREMENT

To qualify for retirement you must complete 20 satisfactory years of service and have reached your 60th birthday. To have a satisfactory year you must obtain at least 50 retirements points. One retirement point is awarded for each day of duty. Normal training periods and annual training earn members 63 retirement points per year, and each additional day of duty adds retirement points to the annual total. Additional gratuitous training points are awarded just for membership. You may earn up to 365 retirement points a year. Once you have reached your 60th birthday and have retired, you receive many of the same retirement benefits as your active duty counterpart. You receive a generous retirement annuity; medical care for you and your dependents; survivor benefits for spouse and family; use of military exchanges and commissaries; space available travel on military aircraft; and many, many more.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Unlike the active Air Force, there is no central selection process or a central point for pilot trainee selection in the Air National Guard. Candidates for pilot training are selected at each Air National Guard unit from qualified applicants. Usually, each unit makes its own selection for the training positions it is allocated each year. The competition for the few pilot training positions at each unit is highly competitive. Previous Air National Guard or military experience is highly desirable but is not mandatory. For further information contact the nearest Air National Guard recruiter or call the Air National Guard Officer Recruiting Branch at (301) 981–8569 or you may address your correspondence to the National Guard Bureau (DPRM), Mail Stop #18, Andrews AFB, MD 20331–6008.

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